

January 6, 2004

PAUL COATES  
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MILL CREEK WA 98012

Subject: Complaint filed against the Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition  
PDC Case No. 04-243

Dear Mr. Coates:

The Public Disclosure Commission staff has completed its investigation of your complaint filed on September 15, 2003, alleging that the Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition violated RCW 42.17.

Your complaint was reviewed in light of the following statute:

**RCW 42.17.3691** requires candidates and political committees that expended \$25,000 or more in 2002, or expect to spend more than \$25,000 in the current year, to file contribution and expenditure activities electronically.

You alleged that the Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition failed to electronically file reports of contribution and expenditure activities as required for a political committee participating in the 2003 election cycle.

We found that:

- The Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition filed a Committee Registration Statement (PDC Form C-1pc) on August 30, 2003, registering as a political committee.
- The Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition filed a final report on October 9, 2003, disclosing contributions and expenditures totaling \$21,472.23 for calendar year 2003. The Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition disbursed all \$21,472.23 in committee funds between August 29 and September 5, 2003.

Because the Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition neither had an expectation of spending \$25,000 nor actually spent that amount or more, it is not required to file electronically.

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After a careful review of the alleged violations and relevant facts, we have concluded our investigation and, with the concurrence of the Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, I am dismissing your complaint against the Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance, at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,

Vicki Rippie  
Executive Director

c: Snohomish County Labor/Business Coalition